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AT BRICS MEET, MODI TARGETS PAK FOR SPONSORING TERROR

The PM said terrorism is the biggest global challenge today and countries supporting it must be dealt with an iron fist

'HOLD COUNTRIES FUNDING TERRORISM GUILTY'

Without naming Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "We must tackle the problem in an organised way and have to ensure the countries that support and assist the terrorists are also held guilty." The summit was hosted by Russian President Vladimir Putin and attended by Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa and Xi Jinping of China |P9

INDIA WILL EMERGE A FORCE MULTIPLIER: PM

- In his address, Modi underlined the need for reforming the United Nations Security Council as well as multilateral bodies like World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund
- Pitching the Atmanirbhar programme, Modi said a self-reliant India would prove to be a force multiplier in a post-Covid world

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MODI SHARED STAGE WITH THE CHINESE PREZ FOR THE 2ND TIME IN A WEEK

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SC pushes govt to frame norms on TV reportage

Chides Centre for skirting application of Cable TV Act in affidavit on Tablighi case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday gave the Centre a piece of its mind for not filing a proper affidavit on the media reportage tying the Tablighi Jamaat congregation in Delhi to the Covid outbreak, and asked it to consider creating a regulatory mechanism for grievances against fake news on TV.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde faulted the Information and Broadcasting Ministry's affidavit for not dealing with the applicability of the Cable TV Network Act (CTNA) in the case.

When Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, referred to the News Broadcasters Standards Authority (NBSA), a self-regulatory mechanism set up by the sector, the bench said: "Why should we refer to NBSA when you have the authority to look into it? If it does not exist then you create an authority... We want to know the mechanism employed by you. This affidavit has nothing on it."

The Centre's affidavit defended media reporting of the Tablighi event, saying it was largely balanced and neutral, adding "the media has made a clear distinction between the organisers and attendees of the Tablighi Jamaat event and the larger Muslim community in general."

"First you did not file a proper affidavit and then you filed an affidavit which did not deal with the two important questions. This way, it cannot be done Mr Mehta," the bench said.

Emphasising that self-regulation through the NBSA wasn't good enough, the bench wanted to know if the Centre will create a legal regulatory regime for TV channels and slated the next hearing after three weeks. "We are not satisfied with your reply... We want to know what is the mechanism to deal with such content on television... Regulation cannot be left to organisations like NBSA," the bench said.

743 orders to block fake news

The Centre's affidavit said it had issued 743 orders in April alone to block fake news over multiple platforms to preserve communal harmony

RBI puts LVB under moratorium, proposes merger with DBS India

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday superseded the board of directors of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB), in consultation with the Centre, in view of the serious deterioration in the Chennai-based private bank's financial position. T N Manoharan, former non-executive chairman of Canara Bank, has been appointed as the administrator.

During the 30-day moratorium, the ailing bank cannot make any payment above ₹25,000 to depositors. However, one can withdraw more for the purposes of medical treatment, education, and marriages with RBI's permission.

Meanwhile, RBI chose a white knight for the cash-starved lender, by suggesting that LVB merge with DBS Bank India, the local unit of Singapore-based DBS Holdings. "DBIL has a healthy balance sheet with strong capital support. Although DBIL is well capitalised, it will bring in additional capital of ₹2,500 crore upfront, to support credit growth of the merged entity," RBI said.

The proposed merger will restore normalcy at the beleaguered bank, which is in desperate need of capital. LVB's gross non-performing assets (NPA) stood at close to 25% at the end of the second quarter, while net NPA was at a high 7%. For the six-month period ending September, the lender's net loss was at ₹594.42 crore against ₹256.17 crore it recorded in the year-ago period.

LVB was in talks with Aion Capital-backed NBFC Clix Capital for a possible merger. A preliminary non-binding letter of intent was also signed between LVB and Clix Capital in June, months after LVB's proposed deal with IndiaBulls Housing Finance was blocked by the banking regulator.

Regulator's observation

In absence of any viable strategic plan, declining advances and mounting NPAs, losses are expected to continue. The bank has not been able to raise adequate capital to address issues around its negative net-worth and continuing losses

DJ HALLI RIOTS CASE

Former mayor arrested after 3 weeks on the run

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Sampath Raj being taken into CCB custody on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

FORMER Bengaluru Mayor Sampath Raj, who was on a run for more than 20 days, has been arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police in connection with the DJ Halli riots that took place in August. The court has remanded him to police custody till Thursday.

Sampath Raj, who was the corporator of the DJ Halli ward when the riots broke out, is accused of having played a key role in instigating the others to set fire to Pulakeshinagar Assembly constituency MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's residence in Kaval Byrasandra.

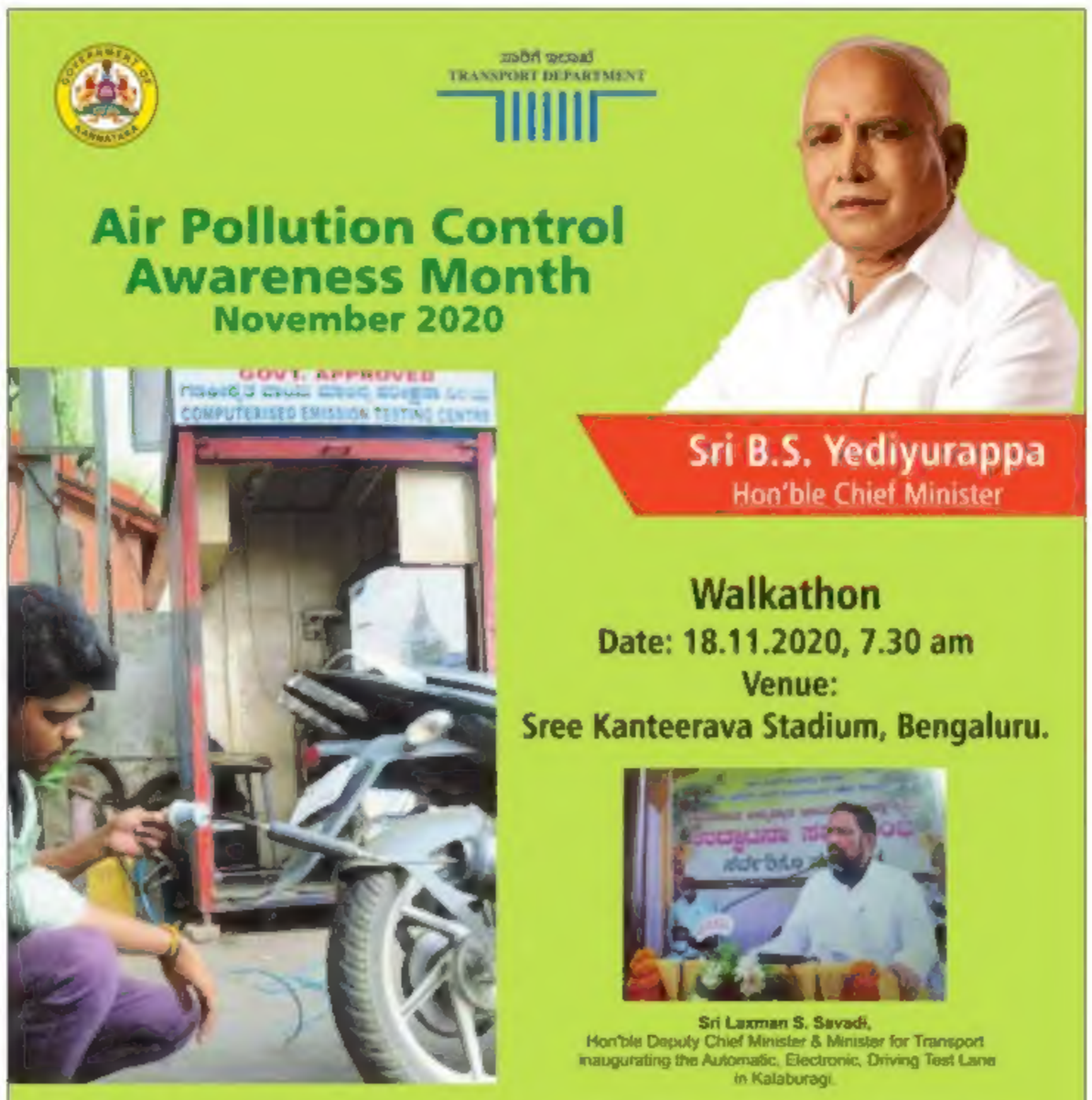
Police said Raj was arrested from the residence of his friend in Benson Town on Monday night. "Based on specific inputs that he was hiding at a friend's house in Benson Town, a police team rushed there and arrested him around 9 pm on Monday. P4

BJP picks bizman Narayan for RS bypoll

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) has yet again made a surprise pick for the upcoming Rajya Sabha bypolls in Karnataka, scheduled to be held on December 1. Sixty-eight-year-old **K Narayan**, who owns a printing press in Bengaluru and has an RSS background, is the party candidate for the seat that fell vacant after BJP member Ashok Gasti succumbed to Covid-19 in September.

Narayan is the publisher of 'Sambhashana Sandesha', the only monthly Sanskrit magazine in the country, since 1994. The magazine has subscribers all over the world and around 15,000 copies are printed without any advertisements. P4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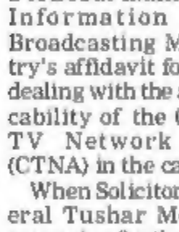
INTERVIEW

STIMULUS YET TO COME, SAYS RAJAN

FORMER RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan believes the larger portion of the Centre's fiscal response to the Covid-19 pandemic was just relief and not stimulus.



RAGHURAM RAJAN
Former RBI governor

Speaking with *TNIE* Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla and author and political analyst Shankkar Aiyar at a session of Express Expressions, a series of webcasts with people who matter, Rajan said such relief measures are vital to protect the country's economic engine but real demand stimulus would be needed down the line.

"The time for stimulus will come, when the economy picks up more strongly. Right now, we are some distance away from that," he said.

He said India must concentrate on preparing to stimulate the economy through infrastructure development.

Q&A ON: P15

EXPRESS READ

Kris 1st chairperson of RBI Innovation Hub

Mumbai: Infosys co-founder Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan has been appointed the first chairperson of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub, which aims to promote innovation across the financial sector. P15

Colleges open for final-year students

Bengaluru: After eight months, colleges in the state opened for final-year students on Tuesday, but the turnout was poor. Those who came were welcomed with thermal screening and hand sanitiser. P2

Karnataka announces Lingayat devpt body

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

CLOSE on the heels of announcing welfare boards for the Golla and Maratha communities, the State Government on Tuesday decided to set up a Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation. The move has now triggered a demand for similar boards from representatives of other castes and communities.

Senior JDS leader Basavaraj Horatti, former Congress minister M B Patil and Agriculture Minister B C Patil of the BJP had been demanding the setting up of the corporation. They are now pushing for 16 per cent reservation, on the lines of Maharashtra. Currently, the Lingayat community comes under Section 3B of the Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation list and is entitled to 4% of the total 32% reservation for OBCs. P7

GOING WHERE?

Worry over foreign fund deluge to NGO-run homes across India

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A random analysis of foreign contributions to over 600 shelter homes in the South has revealed that they received funding up to ₹6 lakh per child per year, much of which may not have been spent on kids at all.

The analysis and a report based drafted by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), has been sent to the Union Women and Child Development Ministry for further action. Most of the scrutinised shelter homes were in Tamil Nadu (274), Andhra Pradesh (145) and Kerala (107).

Data accessed by this newspaper shows that Andhra Pradesh's 145 shelter homes run by NGOs house 6,202 children. They cumulatively received over ₹409.5 crore as contributions from abroad in 2018-19 as per their own declaration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. CONTINUED ON: P10